(b) whether this goes against the rules prescribed in the CCS(CCA) Rules 1964, and;

(c) whether Government propose to immediately reinstate these officials, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Under the CCS(CCA) Rules 1965, there is no provision for giving a notice or chance to present the version of the charged officer before suspending him.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Swaminathan Report on Population Control

1739. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken some positive decisions on Swaminathan Report to control the country's population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when all the recommendations are likely to be implemented in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Population Policy, 2000 has been formulated by Government and placed in both Houses of Parliament.

AIDS Cases

1740. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of AIDS patients in the country, State- wise, and their growth rate during the last three years;

(b) whether the growth rate is following some pattern regarding specific segments of society, profession/income/education/age-wise or any other;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how Government plan to address this problem in an effective way, considering the high growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) As on December, 1999, the total number of reported AIDS cases is 9966. A statement indicating the state-wise number of AIDS cases is annexed (*See* below). The growth rate during the last three years as follows:

Year	Case Reported	Commulative	% increase
1997	1984	5145	62.55
1998	1548	6693	30.08
1999	3273	9966	48.90

(b) and (c) Till December, 1999 9966 AIDS cases have been reported; 7844 (78.71%) are males and 2122 (21.29%) are females; out of which 434 are in 0—14 years, 4556 in 15-29 years, 4368 in 30—44 years and 608 are above 45 years of age groups respectively. Out of total 9966 reported cases, 8095 (81.22%) have been reported from Tamil Nadu (4354), Maharashtra (3379) and Manipur (362) respectively. Data on Profession/income/education is routinely not collected at the national level.

(d) In order to prevent and control the spread HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive programme is currently under implementation through out the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The main components consists of:—

* Reduce the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counselling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.
* Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counselling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.
* Provide financial assitance for home based and community based care.
* Strengthen effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
* Promote collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sections.

Statement

National AIDS Control Programme, India AIDS cases in India (Reported to NACO) (as on 31st December, 1999)

S.No.	Name	AIDS Cases
1	Andhra Pradesh	48
2	Assam	33
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4	A & N Islands	0
5	Bihar	3
6	Chandigarh (UT)	124
7	Delhi	219
8	Daman & Diu	1
9	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
10	Goa	19
11	Gujarat	137
12	Haryana	1
13	Himachal Pradesh	25
14	Jammu & Kashmir	2
15	Karnataka	204
16	Kerala	106
17	Lakshadweep	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	326
19	Maharashtra	3379
20	Orissa	2
21	Nagaland	29
22	Manipur	362
23	Mizoram	12
24	Meghalaya	8
25	Pondicherry	141
26	Punjab	100
27	Rajasthan	106
28	Sikkim	2
29	Tamil Nadu	4354
30	Tripura	0
31	Uttar Pradesh	166
32	West Bengal	57
	TOTAL:	9966